



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ashford, et al.

Application No.: 09/648,582

Filing Date: August 25, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO
PHYSICIANS

) Group Art Unit: 3626
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) Examiner: Natalie A. Pass
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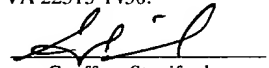
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED
JANUARY 3, 2006**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2006, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be made part of the official record in the above referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.